

EC-5102. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Fees for Federal Fruits and Vegetables, Processed" (Doc. No. FV-03-333) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5103. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances" (RIN0581-AC19) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5104. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV-03-931-1 FR) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5105. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination rejected, withdrawn, and returned, for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Ops/Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense, received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5106. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter notifying Congress of the intent to obligate funds for one new Fiscal Year 202 out-of-cycle Foreign Comparative Testing project; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5107. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a request in Senate Report 107-151 requesting a study concerning the feasibility of hybrid vehicles in the defense fleet; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5108. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Round III Urban Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities" (RIN2506-AC09) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5109. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation in HUD Programs by Faith-Based Organizations; Providing for Equal Treatment of all HUD Program Participants" (RIN2501-AC89) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5110. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Choice Voucher Program Homeownership Option: Eligibility of Units Owned or Controlled by a Public Housing Agency; Correction" (RIN2577-AC39) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5111. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5112. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 67) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5113. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 65) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5114. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 67) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5115. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 67) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5116. A communication from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting, the Corporation's Five-Year Strategic/Operational Plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5117. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" (TX-50-FOR) received on October 31, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5118. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (WY-031-FOR) received on October 31, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5119. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations—Areas of the National Park System: Mountain Bike Use at Saguaro National Park" (RIN1024-AD10) received on November 1, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5120. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Watercraft Use: Assateague Island National Seashore" (RIN1024-AD02) received on November 1, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs" (RIN1024-AC69) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5122. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New

River Gorge National River Hunting Regulation" (RIN1024-AD12) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5123. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System Personal Watercraft Use at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area" (RIN1024-AC90) received on November 3, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1669. A bill to reauthorize the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (Rept. No. 108-186).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1627. A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-187).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1820. A bill to authorize the States to implement such mechanisms as are necessary to endure the continuity of Congress in the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1821. A bill to establish a National Space Commission on activities of the United States related to the future of space; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1822. A bill to require disclosure of financial relationships between brokers and mutual fund companies and of certain brokerage commissions paid by mutual fund companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1823. A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation to lease tribally-owned land on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation for 1 or more interstate gas pipelines; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1824. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 1825. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for the sale

and use of unauthorized mobile infrared transmitters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1826. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1827. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1828. A bill to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 259. A resolution to authorize legal representation in Bell Aviation, Inc., et al. v. Sino Swearingen Aircraft Co., L.P., et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain restaurant buildings.

S. 1037

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1380

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 7-year applicable recovery period for depreciation of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932-33.

S. RES. 244

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 244, a resolution congratulating Shirin Ebadi for winning the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize and commending her for her lifetime of work to promote democracy and human rights.

AMENDMENT NO. 2071

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2071 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2673, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1820. A bill to authorize the States to implement such mechanisms as are necessary to endure the continuity of Congress in the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I rise to say a few words about the continuity of Government. More than 2 years since the terrible events of September 11, Congress has not taken any steps necessary to protect the Nation by ensuring continuity of Government operations should there be another attack and the tragic loss of life or disability on the part of Members of the United States Congress. The Founders of this country rightly required a majority of each House to constitute a quorum to do business, to ensure a nationally representative Congress. But the Constitution does not provide, I should say, adequate mechanisms to assure a continuing, functioning Congress if a majority of the Members are incapacitated or killed by a terrorist attack.

Our current system of providing for the continuity of Government in the event of a disaster is simply inadequate to meet the realities of a post-9/11 world. As unthinkable as another attack of that magnitude might be, we must be ready for the worst.

In fact, we have a duty as the elected Representatives of our respective States to do everything within our power to provide for a stable continuance and function of Government, despite all possible catastrophes. We must not leave our Nation's citizens without representation, without order, and without defense. We simply owe it to the American people to ensure that our Government will remain strong and stable, even in the face of disaster.

It is my conviction that this issue deserves more than just token attention. It is not something we can or should put off until another day. It is urgent and it is a critical element of our ongoing fight against terror.

Today, I have offered a proposal to provide for the continuity of congressional operations. In coming weeks, I will submit legislation to address the problems of our current system of Presidential succession as well.

Earlier this year, the bipartisan Continuity of Government Commission,